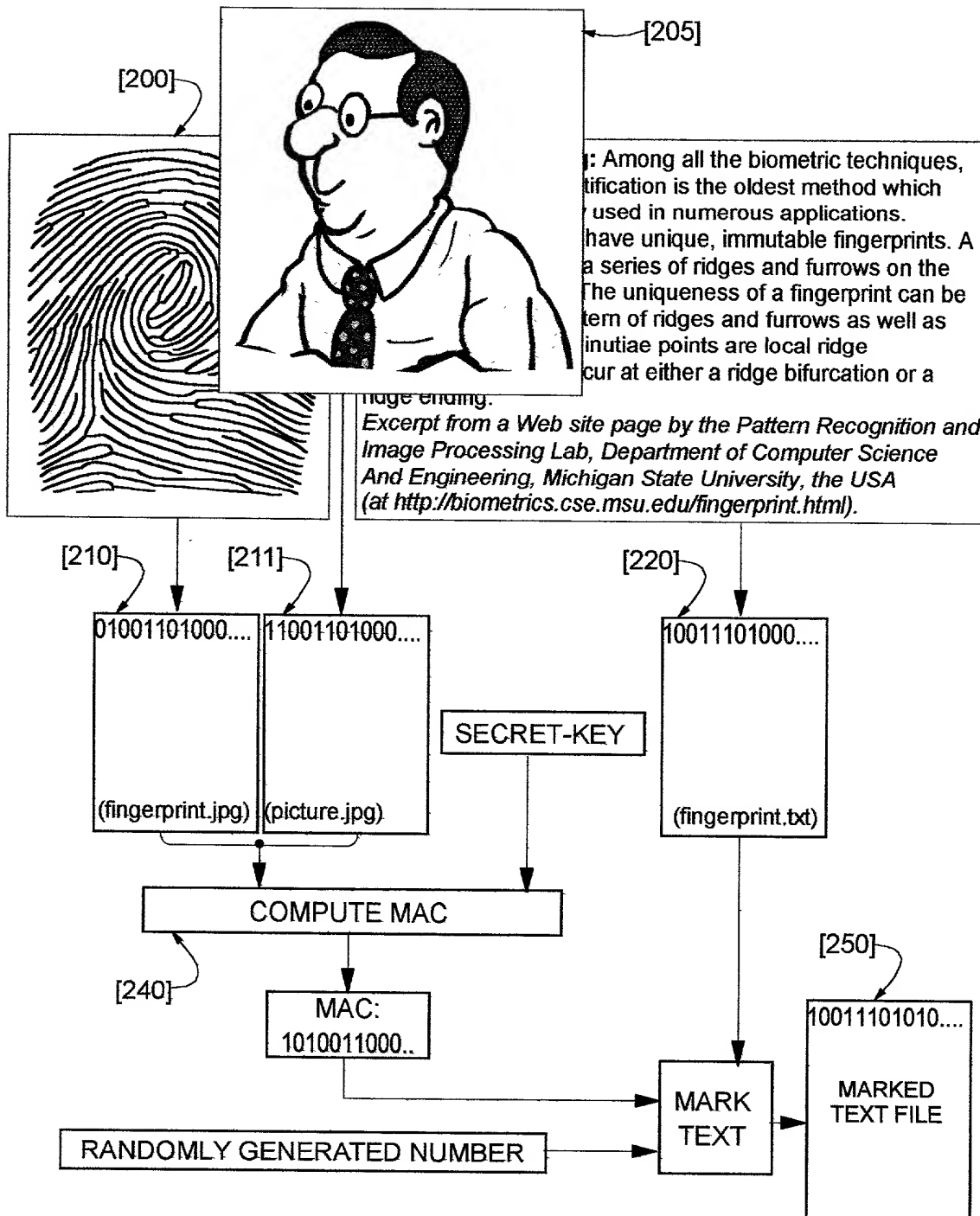


Note: fingerprint image [100], used to illustrate the invention, is the vectorization of one image out of a 36-image animated GIF file borrowed from a Web site by the Biometric Systems Lab, University of Bologna, Cesena, Italy at http://www.csr.unibo.it/research/biolab/bio_tree.html

Figure 1



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Figure 2

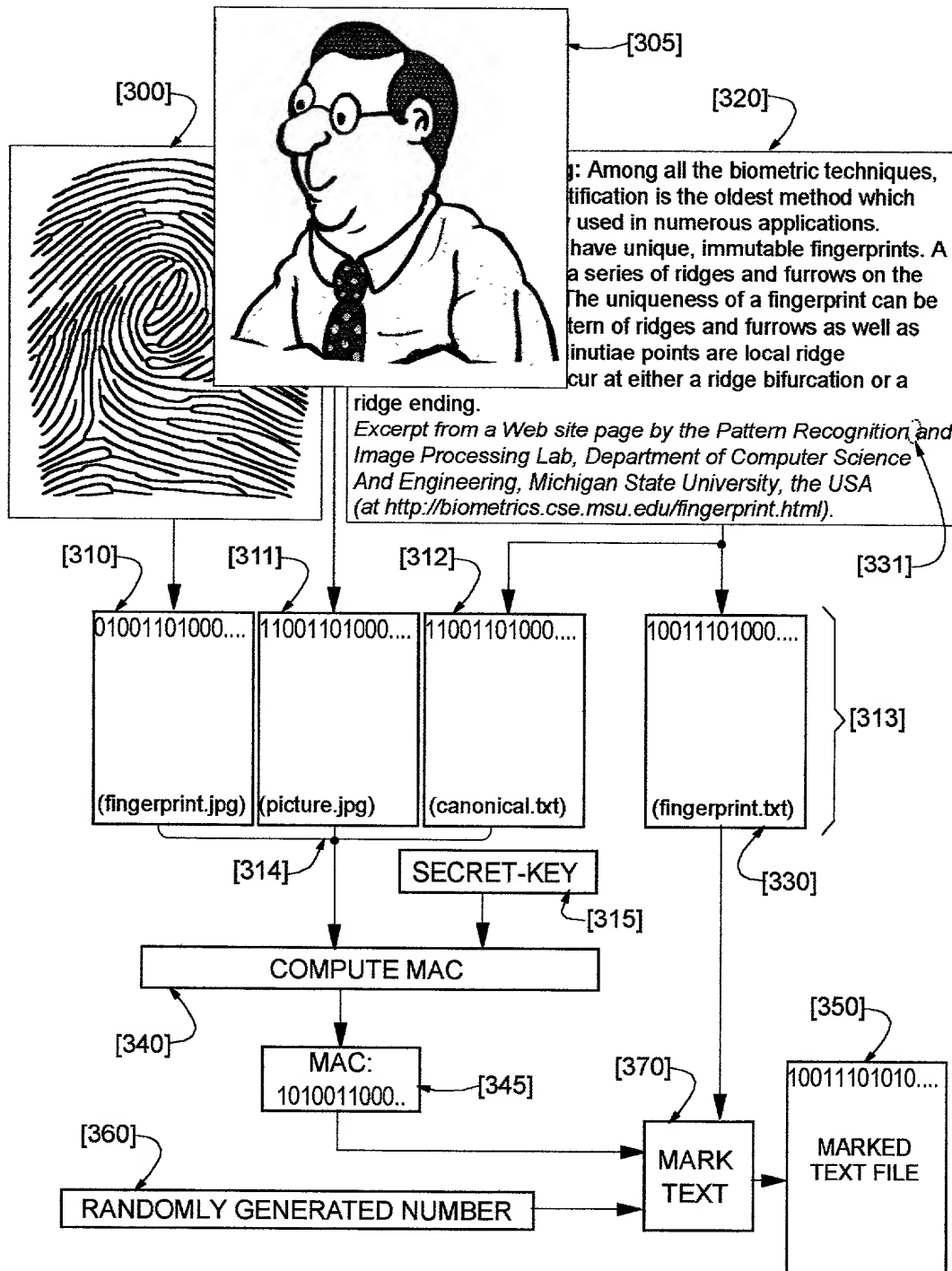
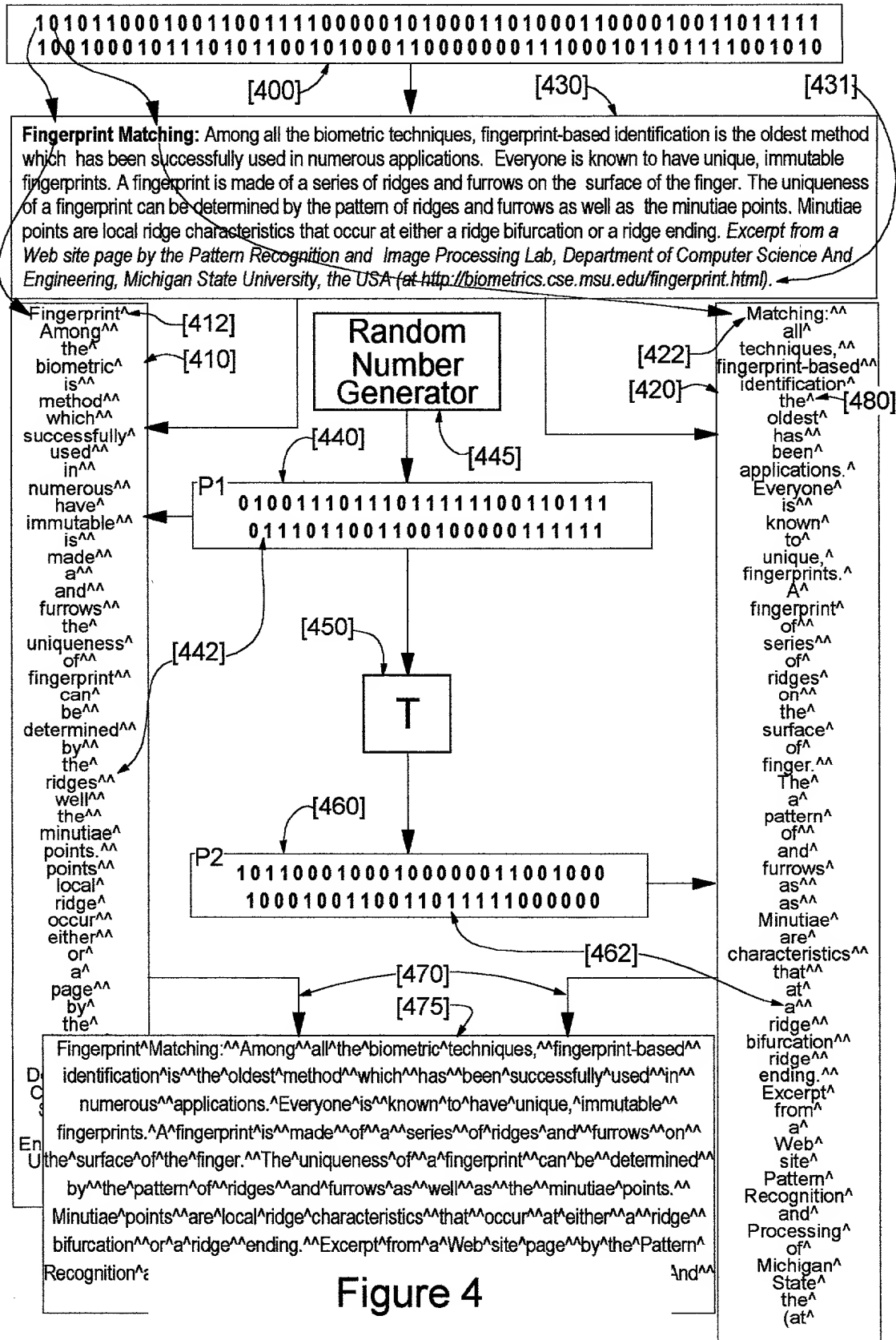


Figure 3



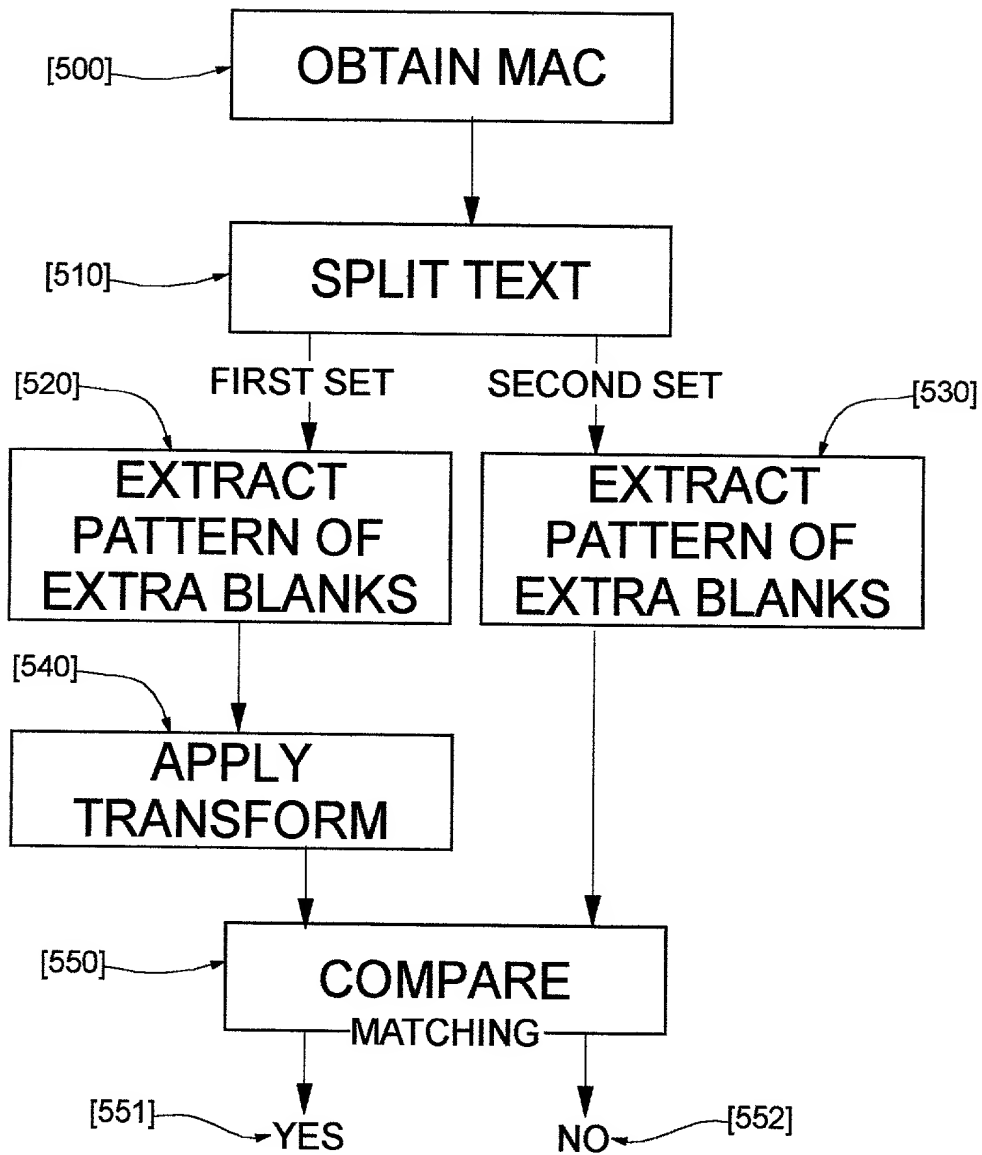


Figure 5

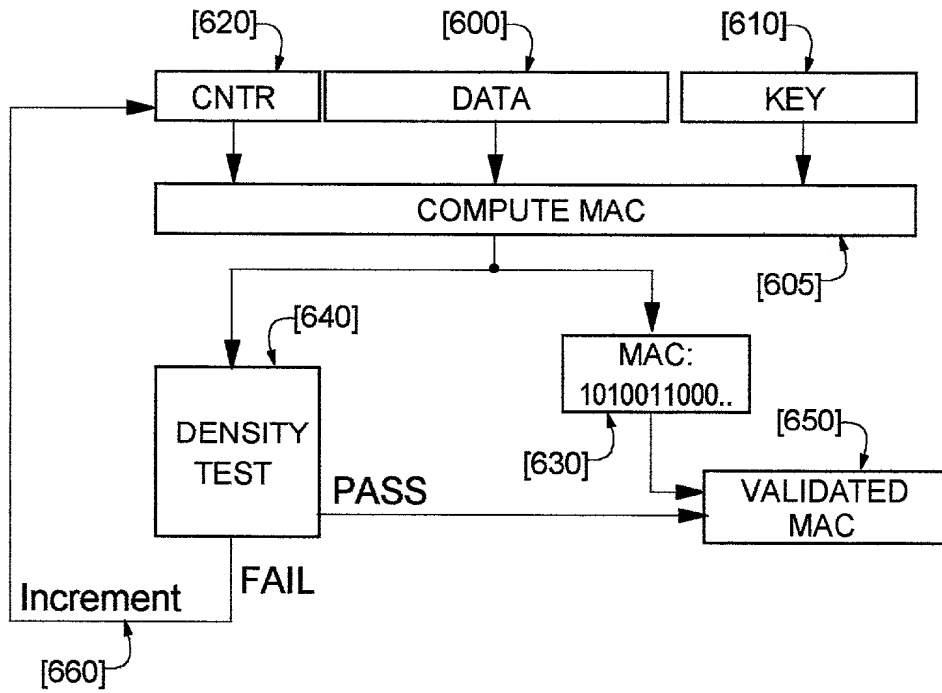


Figure 6